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OFFICE OF NATIONAL ESTIMATES

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SUBJECT: MEMORANDUM TO HOLDERS OF SNIE 30-2-63: THE ADVANCED WEAPONS PROGRAMS OF THE UAR AND ISRAEL, DATED 8 MAY 1963 (Draft for Board Consideration)

1. The Israeli nuclear energy program appears to be

presently confined to research, but it could be adapted to a weapons

development program. Our comprehensive inspection

in January, 1964 gave no indication that

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the Israelis have started the chemical separation plant that would

be needed to produce the fissionable material for a nuclear explosion.

Since SNIE 30-2-63 was written, the Israelis have signed the nuclear test ban treaty. We are less inclined than in May 1963 to believe that Israel will attempt to produce a weapon sometime in the next several years.

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3. So far as concerns UAR advanced weapons, we believe conclusion C of SNIE 30-2-63 to be still valid.

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